



The Emerald News

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Happy New Year

SERVING THESE COMMUNITIES

Allied Gardens

Alvarado Estates

Chollas Creek

Colina del Sol

Redwood Village

Del Cerro

Eastern City Heights

El Cerrito Heights

Fox Canyon

Grantville

Islenair

Lake Murray

MCAS Miramar

Mission Trails Regional
Park

Murphy Canyon Heights

San Carlos

SDSU College Area

Stonebridge

Tierrasanta

Part of Oak Park

2010 promises to be a year of challenges but also a year of discovery and opportunities. Budgets are tight and for many, jobs are scarce. We seem to have more questions than answers about the future. But these same obstacles didn't stop us in 2009. From the far northern reaches of District 7 in Stonebridge near Poway to the southern-most tip of our diverse district along Hwy 94, we worked together to fix lingering problems and create lasting change. And we did it on a budget.

Team 7 worked with property owners to clean up a high-crime neighborhood in Rolando Park. Volunteers in El Cerrito united to patrol their community and drive out criminals. We collaborated with the Urban Corps to clean up Alvarado Creek and end the annual cycle of flooding in Mission Gorge. Volunteers planted trees in Allied Gardens. We mustered resources to pave streets, clear dangerous brush from our canyons and hillsides, and prove that government IS responsive to citizens whose needs fell on deaf ears at City Hall for years. All of this plus balancing the City budget with community needs and priorities, creating tough new water conservation laws, reforming our Community Block Grant program and mapping a new Fire Protection Master Plan for San Diego.

We may enter 2010 with the same budget concerns but that won't stop the good and dedicated people of District 7. Team 7 is already working with families in Lake Murray to rebuild a playground in 2010. We've created a neighborhood team to redesign and rebuild Streamview Drive, the troubled thoroughfare in Redwood Village. We are finding innovative ways to reconnect schools and neighborhoods and honor students who are making a difference. And we are joining with neighborhoods, private business and volunteers to achieve our Team 7 Mission: To empower communities through responsive, transparent, and trustworthy government.

I look forward to this New Year, showing what we're made of and what we can accomplish together.

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**Community
Representative
Kim Nguyen**



Oak Park



San Carlos Area



Allied Gardens



Rolando Park

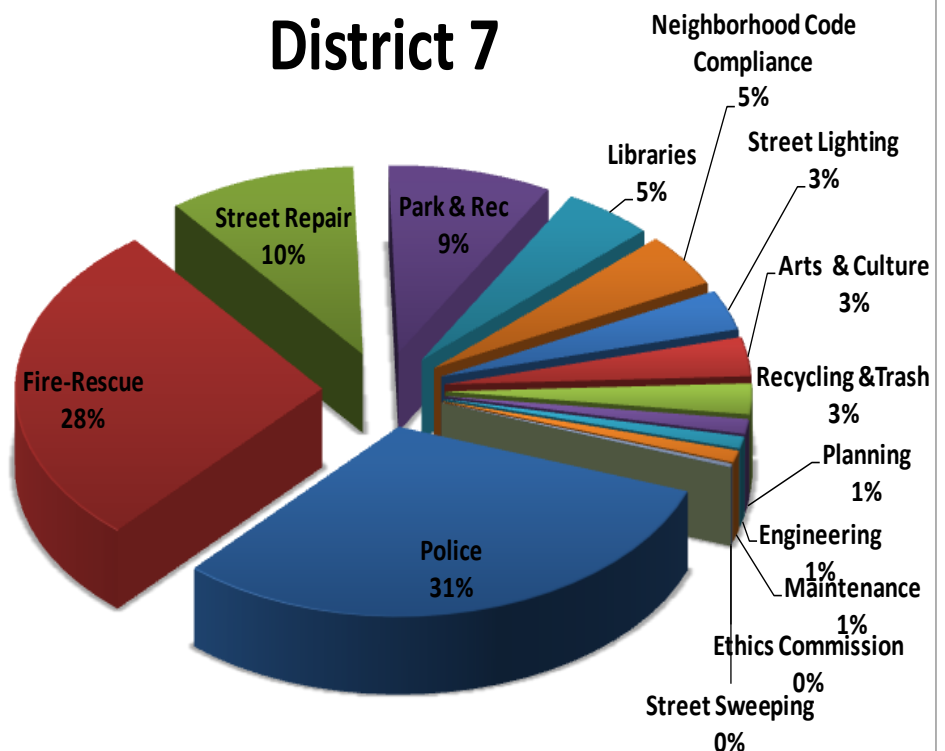
In The Spotlight: Kim Nguyen

Team 7's Kim Nguyen is our City Heights, Rolando Village, Rolando Park, Redwood Village, and Oak Park Community Troubleshooter. Kim has been instrumental in helping City staff identify funds for a long-anticipated improvement project for Streamview Drive in Redwood Village. In addition to her community work, Kim handles solar issues and is the point-person for smoke-free housing and lead-free paint. She also helps with the monthly curfew sweeps in the Mid-City area.

Currently, Kim serves as the administrative staff to the Medical Marijuana Task Force, which was formed by the City Council last year.

Budget Input Survey Results

District 7



Throughout November, Councilmember Marti Emerald and her staff brought budget surveys to nearly 30 Neighborhood and Community Councils to obtain your input on which services were most important to you, so as to give her a clear direction when it was time to approve a new 18-month balanced budget.

View individual community results on the Website:
www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7.

District 7's Pick for Arts Commission



Councilmember Marti Emerald is pleased to announce that her nomination of Larry Baza to the City Commission for Arts and Culture was accepted by Mayor Sanders. The Commission makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on funding decisions and grant recommendations to support Arts and Cultural activities.

Mr. Baza, a partner in the Noel-Baza Fine Art Gallery in San Diego, is a Gallery Management instructor for the University of San Diego. With more than 32 years experience advocating for the arts and culture, Baza will make an excellent addition to the Commission as it continues its efforts in San Diego.

Nominated by Ms. Emerald, Mr. Baza appointment was confirmed on January 5, 2010.

Wetlands Scientist Lives in Allied Gardens

Councilmember Marti Emerald is also pleased to announce the Mayor has accepted her nomination of Chris Nordby, another District 7 resident, to serve as the Wetlands Scientist on the Wetlands Advisory Board. Chris' background includes more than 20 years working on environmental issues within San Diego County, including the Tijuana Estuary, the Chula Vista Wildlife Preserve, and the San Diego River Estuary north to the Los Penasquitos Lagoon during repairs to Pump Station 65.

"I don't know anyone more qualified than Chris to replace Lisa Levin and I'm confident his expertise will make a positive contribution to the Advisory Board," said Councilmember Emerald.

The Mayor's appointment of Nordby was also confirmed by the City Council on January 5th.

MARTI'S MISSION STATEMENT



*Empower
constituents to
improve their
quality of life,
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Improve Our Community

Are you looking for a way to get involved and help make our community a better place to live? Councilmember Marti Emerald is looking for District 7 residents interested in serving on one of the City's many boards and commissions.

For a list of the boards and commissions, along with a description of the work they accomplish for the City, upcoming vacancies, membership parameters and other requirements, visit the City Clerk's Website at: www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions.

If you see a position that interests you, complete the application form and submit it to the City Clerk's office. Please let Councilmember Emerald know our interest by sending a copy of your application and your resume to her Council office, as well: xjacobson@sandiego.gov.

Councilmember
Marti Emerald is
focused on
maintaining and
enhancing the
District's
Communities
by preserving
important
neighborhood
public services
such as
libraries, parks,
police, fire, and
Allied Gardens
public safety.

Wingspan Drive

Dry brush and non-native vegetation which create a potential fire threat have been a concern for residents along Wingspan Drive for some time. When Councilmember Marti Emerald learned about the overgrown fire-threat, she immediately contacted City staff with a plan to remove the danger. A brush removal permit was obtained in record time and Councilmember Emerald enlisted Alpha Project to complete the work with funds that she helped raise last year. Within a couple of weeks, only native vegetation remained. "This is a case of using available resources and public/private collaboration to solve a community problem," said Councilmember Emerald.



Mark Your Calendar:

Friends of Chollas Creek, Jan 16th, 1—3 pm. Help with trash pick up, non-native plant removal, and trail maintenance. Call 619-264-1299. or visit: www.chollascreek.org

Rolando Park Community Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service, Jan 18th from 9 am—Noon. Neighborhood clean-up at the entrance of Zena Canyon. For more information: audrey@rolandopark.org

Business Mixer, Jan 19th, 5—7 pm. San Diego North Chamber of Commerce and Tierrasanta Business Community. www.sdncc.com

College Area Business Mixer, Jan 29th. Plans are being finalized for the Annual Business Improvement District Mixer, at Don Paco Carne en su Jugo Restaurant. A great way for area businesses to network. More info: www.collegeareabid.com

Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force Meeting, Jan 21st, 11:30 am—1:30 pm in the Visitor's Center, One Father Junipero Serra Road. The Task Force discusses improvements to the park and the public is invited. Learn about the park at: www.mtrp.org

Grantville Stakeholders Committee Meeting, Feb 8th, 6:30—9 pm, Church of the Nazarene, 4750 Mission Gorge Place. This meeting will address proposed solutions to traffic congestion on Mission Gorge Road and throughout Grantville.

A Night of Discovery, Feb 26th, 6—9 pm, San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. A tribute to Joan Embry, benefitting the San Diego River Discovery Center at Grant Park. More info at: www.sandiegoriver.org

Lake Murray Playground Project

The Lake Murray Playground Project is off and running. "This is a great example of what can happen when neighbors come together," Councilmember Marti Emerald said. The goal is to raise enough money to make the playground attractive to area children again. Check it out: www.lakemurrayplaygroundproject.org.



Arbor Days at Mission Trails Regional Park



Thursdays With Marti

Often, the best way to get to know the people in the community and what really concerns them is to get out into the neighborhoods. So every Thursday, Councilmember Marti Emerald will be in a different community from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Marti's Thursday schedule:

- 1st Thursday: College - Rolando Library
- 2nd Thursday: San Carlos Recreation Center
- 3rd Thursday: Tierra Towne Center—Note NEW Location!
- 4th Thursday: AM: Allied Gardens Library
PM: Allied Gardens Recreation Center

Please contact your Community Representative to schedule a meeting with Marti.

Your Community Representatives:

Xema Jacobson—Chief of Staff, Tierrasanta, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, and Military issues.
(619) 236-7178 and xjacobson@sanidiego.gov

Marisa Berumen—Alvarado Estates and Fox Canyon.
(619) 236-6435 and mberumen@sanidiego.gov

Cynthia Harris—College Area, College View Estates, Saranac-Mohawk, Dennstedt Point, El Cerrito, and Stonebridge.
(619) 533-5897 and crharris@sanidiego.gov

Kim Nguyen—City Heights, Rolando Park, Rolando Village, Redwood Village, and Oak Park.
(619) 236-7042 and klnghuyen@sanidiego.gov

Chris Pearson—Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, Lake Murray, Navajo, San Carlos, and Mission Trails Park.
(619) 236-6677, (619) 846-1095 and cpearson@sanidiego.gov

Flu Information: www.211sanidiego.gov

Utility Line Undergrounding Schedule:
www.sanidiego.gov/undergrounding

Councilmember Marti Emerald's City Website:
www.sanidiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7

Snapshots



Student Council Officers and Representatives sworn in at Clay Elementary



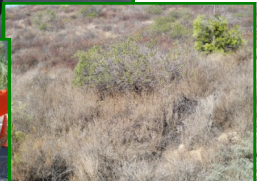
Robert Mazeika earned the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Exchange Club of San Diego



Curfew Sweep Appreciation



Friends of Scott Foundation honored with City of San Diego Resolution and a special day



Wingspan Drive brush clearing



Embrace the Streets group honored with a Commendation in Council Chambers

DISTRICT 7 LIBRARIES

Allied Gardens

5188 Zion Avenue
San Diego, CA 92120
(619) 533-3970

College-Rolando

6600 Montezuma Road
San Diego, CA 92115
(619) 533-3902

City Heights

3795 Fairmount Avenue
San Diego, CA 92105
(619) 641-6100

Oak Park

2802 54th Street
San Diego, CA 92105
(619) 527-3406

San Carlos

7265 Jackson Drive
San Diego, CA 92119
(619) 527-3430

Tierrasanta

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RECREATION CENTERS

Allied Gardens Rec. Center

5155 Greenbrier Avenue
San Diego, CA 92120
(619) 235-1129

Colina Del Sol Rec. Center

5319 Orange Avenue
San Diego, CA 92115
(619) 235-1144

San Carlos Rec. Center

6445 Lake Badin Avenue
San Diego, CA 92119
(619) 527-3443

Tierrasanta Rec. Center

11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92124
(858) 573-1393

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles	.....	858-495-7856
Animal Regulation	.....	619-236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	.....	619-338-2073
Birth & Death Records	.....	619-237-0502
Brush/Weed Abatement	.....	619-533-4444
Building Permits	.....	619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	.....	619-233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	.....	858-292-6484
City Council Docket Info	.....	619-533-4000
City Directory	.....	619-236-5555
Code Violations	.....	619-236-5500
Curb Violations	.....	619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	.....	858-694-7000
Dog Licenses	.....	619-767-2675
Fire Stations	.....	619-533-4300
Graffiti	.....	619-525-8522
Hazardous Materials Hotline	.....	858-694-7000
Housing Commission	.....	619-231-9400
Humane Society	.....	619-299-7012
Noise Regulation	.....	619-236-5500
Office of Small Business	.....	619-685-1390
Park & Recreation	.....	619-525-8219
Parking Citations	.....	619-236-7145
Police: Non Emergency	.....	619-531-2000
Pot Hole Hotline	.....	619-527-7500
Recycling Hotline	.....	858-694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	.....	619-236-6905
Sewer Repair/Spills	.....	619-515-3525
Sidewalk Maintenance	.....	619-527-7500
Social Services Information	.....	211
Storm water Pollution Hotline	.....	619-235-1000
Street Lights	.....	619-527-7500
Street Sweeping	.....	619-527-7500
Traffic Control	.....	619-533-3126
Tree Maintenance	.....	619-527-7500
Vector Control	.....	858-694-2888
Waste Reduction & Disposal	.....	858-492-5010
Water Emergency	.....	619-515-3525
Water Utilities	.....	619-515-3500
Zoning Regulation Info	.....	619-236-5555